<u>REMARKS</u>

It is noted that claims 1-18 are pending in the application, that claims 8 and 9 have been

allowed, and that claims 1-7 and 10-18 have been rejected, which rejection has been made Final.

Claims 2, 3, 4, 11 and 15 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 8 and, along

with dependent claims 10, 13, 16 and 17 which also depend directly or indirectly from claim 8,

are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 1, 5-7, 12, 14 and 18 have been cancelled, which cancellation is for the purpose of

expediting allowance of the application and is to be taken without prejudice to applicant's claim

to novelty in the subject matter defined therein.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of amended claims 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16 and 17

along with allowed claims 8 and 9 is believed to be in order and such action is earnestly

solicited.

Should the Examiner have any questions or otherwise believe a telephone discussion with

applicant's undersigned attorney would expedite allowance of the application, it is respectfully

requested that he initiate such a discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

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